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## Philately Of Finland Featured

### UN And Afghanistan Flags On UN Day Set

The recently announced set of two stamps issued by Afghanistan appeared on October 23, according to Edward W. Edwards of Scarsdale, N. Y. Printed in red, green, blue, and black, they depict the flags of the UN and the issuing country in full colors.



The values are 50 and 100 Poulis. Details as to quantities, printing system and design features have not been released, but it is known that the recent "Atoms for Peace" pair as well as this UN set exist both perf and imperf.

### Brandenburg Gate On East German Set

East Germany issued a set of two stamps November 29 featuring the famous landmark, the Brandenburg Gate. The design represents a full front view of the structure, in a presentation that is almost severe in its simplicity.



Values are 20 pfennig red and 25pf. blue, after a design by Ingobert Friebe of Berlin. The adhesives were offset printed by the VEB Deutsche Wertpapierdruckerei, Leipzig, on the usual DDR and Quatrefoile wmk paper. The numbers printed are not included in the official announcement of the new pair.

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### Greetings

**S. J. Ahola**

Director General of Posts and Telegraphs of Finland

It is a great pleasure to me to greet you readers — stamp collectors — of this edition. I want to express my satisfaction at the opportunity given to the Post and Telegraph Office of Finland to appear in these columns being the section of a quite particular interest to the philatelists.

There is nothing remarkable about the fact that the postage stamp as an object of collecting has won the position it now has. From the very beginning the postage stamp served only a practical purpose; however, now it embraces numerous objects of interest having thereby secured millions upon millions of friends from every corner of the world. The stamp of today is no longer only a manifestation of a prescribed postal charge paid. New tasks have been assigned to it, and has had to submit to their exigencies. Postage stamps constitute a very clear and many-sided series of pictures of the respective country and its people. They reflect historical events and attract its investigators to geographic, historic, artistic and numerous other explorations, the result of which cannot be measured but the importance of which is of grand proportion.

In greeting you, honored philatelists, I am not thinking of you as only collectors and investigators of postage stamps, but in my greeting I would especially like to stress the meaning of the Greek word, from which your appellation is traced. "Philos" means the same as "friends", which meaning does not restrict itself to friendliness only between investigators and the object of research but, as we all know, to include friendship also between postage stamp collectors. Thus, the postage stamp has been entrusted with a new and grand task. It, for its own part, bridges the idealistic, racial, political and other still yawning clefs in our world. The postage stamp takes part in the work which aims at bringing the nations nearer to each other, dispelling suspicions and building up a happier world.

With these thoughts I greet you on behalf of myself and the Post and Telegraph Office of Finland.

### U. S. Regular "Buildings" To Gain One March 16; POD Adds Pictorial And Slogan Cancels

The "Buildings" portion of the current United States regular issues set will be increased in number from four to five with the March 16 addition of a 4½c value to fill the gap caused by the discontinuation of the 4½c Presidential stamp depicting the White House.

The new adhesive will be but the second of this denomination ever issued by the Post Office Department. It will be in the style and format of the current 1½, 9, 10, and 20c values which depict Mount Vernon, the Alamo, Independence Hall, and Monticello, respectively.

As such it will combine with them to make a "short set" of

"buildings" topicals which with their uniform dignity and stately (Continued on page 6)

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## The Guest Editor

By this time Linn's readers even the most recent subscribers — must be familiar with the Ernest A. Kehr by-line. Like the Dutch, Egyptian and Swiss specials that preceded it, this Finnish Edition of LINN's was planned, prepared and co-edited by him.

Mr. Kehr is personally familiar with Finland—from the Baltic Sea tip to Arctic Lapland—having toured it several times during his global odysseys.

His work in promoting international understanding and goodwill, chiefly through stamps and journalism, is widely known and appreciated. It was Kehr who initiated (and still is chairman) of the Philatelic Program of International Letter Writing Week, which became a major unit of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's People-to-People project.

A number of governments have given him their highest decorations in gratitude for this work of developing goodwill, among them Queen Juliana, President Theodor Heuss, the late Pope Pius XII and Spain.



Ernest A. Kehr

Oregon Pony Express  
Rides Again In June

Pony Express mail service will return to Oregon next year as a feature of the State's 100th Anniversary celebration. Riders will carry letters throughout the state from June 7 to 10. Special envelopes have been printed for the event which give collectors an opportunity to own one of the official Pony Express envelopes.

The Pony Express, Inc. headquarters have been established in room 701 Times Bldg. Portland, Ore., with Jack Matlack as manager. He reports the committee in charge will limit the orders to what the relay riders now signed up can carry.

All covers will be authentic and actually carried across Oregon, some 450 miles, by horse and rider. Once out of the state, they will be placed in regular post offices to continue to their destinations.

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Plans for 1959 include an auction scheduled for February 17. Both members and non-members are urged to submit material starting with the December meeting so that it may be cataloged at an early date.

For further information, collectors may contact S. H. Koved, 14 Samoset Rd., Branford, N. J.

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## New Nations Are Being Born Almost Yearly

The above headline is lifted from a letter from Mr. Bernard Davis of the National Philatelic Museum of Philadelphia. Mr. Davis was replying to a letter from Mr. C. W. Berghorn of The Strafford Historical Society Inc., of Strafford, Vermont. Mr. Berghorn had written Mr. Davis asking for a list of countries that had gained independence since 1900.

This is a very fascinating subject and perhaps will be astonishing to many. The reply from Mr. Davis to Mr. Berghorn amazed us. We can best give you the facts by quoting from the former's letter which we quote here.

"Naturally, anyone using Scott's Catalog, volumes 1 and 2, and examining each country in question would find the new nations which have sprung up through wars, etc. However, Scott's Catalog would be one or two years behind.

"New nations are being born almost yearly. During the past two years, the Sudan, Morocco, Tunisia and Ghana became fully independent nations. During the coming five years, Somalia, Sierra Leone, Togo, the French and British Cameroons and the enormous territory of Nigeria are expected to win their independence or to join other independent countries. Nigeria with its 40 million people will be the most populous independent state in Africa, about as large as Egypt and the Union of South Africa put together. In addition, French West and Equatorial Africa, comprising twelve territories with a population of some 24 million people, are already close to full internal home rule. This means that during the seven years ending in 1962 nearly 100 million Africans will probably have transferred from European to African rule.

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"Of course, Guinea has proclaimed itself an independent republic but it wants to remain associated with France. The new state also wants to join the UN.

"France granted the West African territory sovereignty after it voted against the new French constitution.

"We have just learned that France is to loosen its grip on Togoland. Bernard Cornut-Gentille, Minister for Overseas France, indicated Togoland would receive full internal autonomy as a step toward independence. He said the change in the country's status would be made in conformity with a promise made to the General Assembly of the United Nations in November 1957.

"Under that pledge France would control only Togoland's foreign affairs, defense and currency. All other matters presumably would be left in local hands.

"As you can readily see, we are confronted with a continuously changing map of the world and your query has given us a most interesting idea of having a stamp exhibition in the museum of countries which have become independent since 1900. However, it will be a while before a careful checklist is prepared and suitable material assembled to make such a show of considerable philatelic interest. It may also be a topic, and with interest in thematic collecting another phase of topical collecting could be inaugurated. At any rate, we are glad to have your letter and hope that our reply will aid you in your undertaking."

This is indeed a very interesting subject and has a great many more possibilities in world politics than it has in stamp collecting. All of these countries while under the protection of a mother country were more or less safe from communistic influence but with independence coming to them they will be like raw meat to the Russian Bear. The great bulk of the population of most of these countries concerned is far from being educated to the extent that they can properly accept the responsibilities that will come to them, they will need honest help and guidance.

From the philatelic standpoint we can wonder if some of these new countries may come within the grasp of some smart promoter who could exploit their postal issues to great advantage to himself but to the regret of the stamp collector who would be led to the slaughter.

Mr. Berghorn has indeed brought up a very interesting subject and we thank Mr. Davis for calling it to our attention. Just remember this editorial and watch development as the years come along.

## Philatelic Congress Prize To R. G. Stone

A detailed study, "The Postal Rates of France and Colonies" by Robert G. Stone, has won the McCoy Award of The American Philatelic Congress. The study appears in the Congress Book 1958, edited by Dr. George L. Fite, in conjunction with the recently held 14th American Philatelic Congress at Hotel New Yorker, New York City.

The McCoy Award was established by Mrs. Ethel McCoy as a memorial to her husband, Walter R. McCoy, who was editor of six of the Congress Books, 1944 through 1950. The Award is for the paper adjudged best in the Congress Book. Previous McCoy award winners have been John B. Kaiser, C. Corwith Wagner, Barbara R. Mueller, Thomas Doane Perry, and John N. Myer.

The Congress Book 1958 includes many outstanding articles. Data on this edition and other available Congress Books may be obtained from Mrs. Conway Zirkle, secretary-treasurer, The American Philatelic Congress, 2307 Secane Rd., Secane, Pa.

## Commem. New 2S. Value From Austria

In Austria the December 7 "Day of the Postage Stamp" was noted by the December 3 release of a 2.40 Schilling plus 60 groschen commemorative in large horizontal format. It was valid for postage beginning December 6. The surtax will be used for promoting Austrian stamps and philately.

The design shows the new post office in the Tyrolean town of Kitzbuehel, after a design by Stephan Koller, engraved by Georg Wimmer. The edition of 980,000 copies was recess printed in bright blue, in sheets of 50, by the Austrian State Printing Works.

Another adhesive was released November 26, valid the 29th, as an addition to the regular series, of 2S. value and dark blue, it pictures the church at Christkindl in Upper Austria, a Catholic shrine. The design was by Prof. Hans Strohofer, with printing by the State Works in sheets of 100, according to official dispatches supplied by Edwin Mueller, 522 5th Ave., New York 36, N. Y.

## SMILEATELICS . . . by Bob Ricker

### STAMPS



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## Stamp Day Topicals From Spanish Area

Birds, butterflies, fish, and fishing boats provided the attractive motifs of the three sets of three charity stamps each, issued November 23 for the Spanish provinces of Ifni, Guinea and Sahara. The occasion was to note the "Day of the Stamp", according to a copy of the official news release supplied by Carlos Lenze, Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain.



The three sets are identical in values—10c plus 5c, 25c plus 10c, and 50c plus 10c. The Ifni values show in order a skate, a shark, and three sailing fishing boats; printing, 626,000 level sets. The Guinea trio depicts butterflies throughout (751,000 sets), while the Sahara favors birds. Here, again, the printing was 626,000 sets.



The stamps will remain valid without time limit. All nine are intended for ordinary mail primarily, and their use is entirely voluntary, according to the official statement. Printing in all cases was done by the National Mint in Madrid, with the plates earmarked for destruction after completion of the project.

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The combined Philatelic Exhibition of Chicagoland, Inc., "COMPEX" will stage another gigantic philatelic festival in connection with the Pan American Games of which Chicago will be the official host. "COMPEX '59" will run August 26-30, 1959.

Once again, the Hotel La Salle has been chosen as the site of this affair. The United States Post Office Department will issue a commemorative stamp in honor of the Pan American Games and COMPEX will have a special post office station as well as special cancellations to mark this event.

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1100 — Gardening 3c, Ithaca, N. Y., March 15.  
1101 — Liberty 8c "Giori", Cleveland, Ohio, March 22.

1103 — Revere 25c regular, Boston Mass., April 18.

1104 — Brussels Exhibition 3c, Detroit, Mich., April 17.

1105 — Monroe 3c, Montross, Va., April 28.

1106 — Minnesota Statehood 3c, St. Paul, Minn., May 11.

1107 — IOWA 3c, Chicago, Ill., May 31.

1109 — Gunston Hall 3c, Lorton, Va., June 12.

1110-11 — Simon Bolivar "Champions of Liberty", 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C., July 24.

1152 — Lincoln 4c coil, Mandan, N. D., July 31.

1035a — Lincoln 4c booklet, Wheeling, W. Va., July 31.

C50 — Airmail 5c, Colorado Springs, Colo., July 31.

C51 — Airmail 7c, Philadelphia, Pa., July 31.

C52 — Airmail 7c booklet, San Antonio, Texas, July 31.

U536 — Franklin 4c envelope, Montpelier, Vt., July 31.

U286 — Airmail 7c envelope, Dayton, Ohio, July 31.

— Liberty 3c reply card, Boise, Idaho, July 31.

— Airmail 5c postal card, Wichita, Kans., July 31.

— Liberty 3c postal card, Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 1.

1112 — Atlantic Cable 4c, New York City, August 13.

1115 — Lincoln-Douglas Debates 4c, Freeport, Ill., August 27.

— Letter Sheet 10c, St. Louis, Mo., September 12.

1117-18 — Lajos Kossuth "Champions of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C., September 19.

1119 — Journalism 4c, Columbia, Mo., September 22.

1120 — Overland Mail 4c, San Francisco, Calif., October 10.

1121 — Noah Webster 4c, West Hartford, Conn., October 16.

1122 — Forest Conservation 4c, Tucson, Ariz., October 27.

U227 — Jet airmail 3c envelope, New York City, November 21.

1123 — 200th Anniversary of Pittsburgh 4c, Pittsburgh, Pa., November 26.

UNITED NATIONS

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S 1.00 156. . . . . G 2.75 157. . . . . F 1.00 158. . . . . S 1.00 159. . . . . G 2.75 160. . . . . F 1.00 161. . . . . S 1.00 162. . . . . G 2.75 163. . . . . F 1.00 164. . . . . S 1.00 165. . . . . G 2.75 166. . . . . F 1.00 167. . . . . S 1.00 168. . . . . G 2.75 169. . . . . F 1.00 170. . . . . S 1.00 171. . . . . G 2.75 172. . . . . F 1.00 173. . . . . S 1.00 174. . . . . G 2.75 175. . . . . F 1.00 176. . . . . S 1.00 177. . . . . G 2.75 178. . . . . F 1.00 179. . . . . S 1.00 180. . . . . G 2.75 181. . . . . F 1.00 182. . . . . S 1.00 183. . . . . G 2.75 184. . . . . F 1.00 185. . . . . S 1.00 186. . . . . G 2.75 187. . . . . F 1.00 188. . . . . S 1.00 189. . . . . G 2.75 190. . . . . F 1.00 191. . . . . S 1.00 192. . . . . G 2.75 193. . . . . F 1.00 194. . . . . S 1.00 195. . . . . G 2.75 196. . . . . F 1.00 197. . . . . S 1.00 198. . . . . G 2.75 199. . . . . F 1.00 200. . . . . S 1.00 201. . . . . G 2.75 202. . . . . F 1.00 203. . . . . S 1.00 204. . . . . G 2.75 205. . . . . 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1-11	2.60	11.80	16.70	36.00	2.55
12	.40	1.93	2.89	1.20	.40
13	.35	1.67	2.40	.36	
14-16	1.20	5.40	7.40	1.50	1.00
17	.40	1.90	2.70	.75	
18-20	.58	2.55	3.75	.75	
21-22	.58	2.55	3.75	.75	
23-24	.72	3.56	5.00	.75	
25	.35	1.65	2.60	.75	
26	.90	3.75	5.10	.90	
27-28	.30	1.50	2.60		
29	.77	3.75	5.00	.90	
30	.35	1.75	2.20		
31-32	6.38	29.75	43.50	3.25	2.75
33-34	.50	2.25	3.50	.80	
35	.52	3.70	5.65	.90	
36	.58	2.55	3.75	.75	
37	.58	2.55	3.75	.75	
38	.58	2.55	3.75	.75	
39	.58	2.55	3.75	.75	
40	.58	2.55	3.75	.75	
41-42	.50	2.25	3.50	.52	.45
43-44	.55	2.25	3.50	.52	.45
45-46	.28	1.40	2.10	.24	
47-48	.14	.65	.88	.40	.14
49-50	.14	.65	.88	.45	.14
51	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
52	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
53	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
54	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
55	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
56	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
57	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
58	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
59	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
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74	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
75	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
76	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
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88	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
89	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
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91	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
92	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
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94	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
95	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
96	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
97	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
98	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
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100	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
101	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
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120	.15	.75	.99	.50	.15
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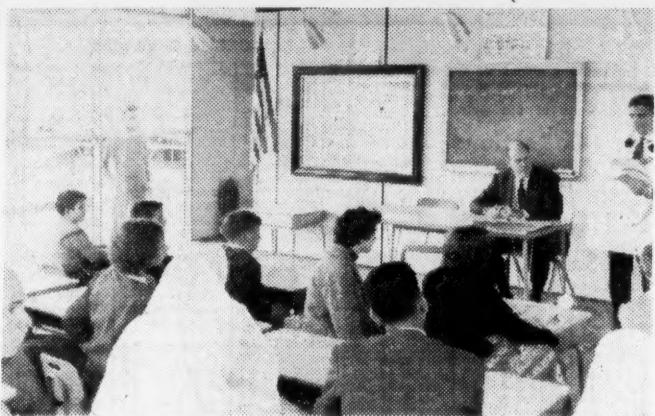
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Impressions Of The Modern  
Finnish Designers As They  
Concern Philatelic Artwork

V. Elonen

Chief, Banknote Printing Office, Bank of Finland

Two years ago a century had passed since Finland introduced the use of adhesive postage stamps. During all that time, one design dominated most issues — the Lion and Arms of Finland — except a period of oppression when stamps of the Russian model were forced upon us.

From the very beginning, they were printed in our own country, and in most cases by the Stamped Paper Office's printing plant which was incorporated with the Banknote Printing Office of the Bank of Finland, in 1923. In exceptional cases, stamps have been printed abroad, or by private firms at home.

Until 1929, new stamps were issued only rarely. After that year they became more frequent. In 1929 the government staged a competition to get new designs — these appeared in 1930 with the three highest values in a larger size.

Examining the list of artists who have designed our stamps during the last three decades, we find that four have been responsible for more than five — O. W. Ehrstrom, Mrs. Signe Hammarsten-Jansson, Aarne Karjalainen and Olavi Vepsalainen.

Mrs. Hammarsten-Jansson has been the most productive. Her work is to be seen on about 150 different stamps. The number of her sketches is enormous, for each stamp issued she drew at least four or five essays.

Mrs. Hammarsten-Jansson was born in Stockholm in 1882. She studied at the High School of Arts and Handicrafts there, and later added to her artistic education by travels to France, Italy and England.

In Paris she met her future husband, a well-known Finnish sculptor whom she married in 1913. The family has three children who have inherited artistic talents from their parents.

Mrs. Hammarsten-Jansson joined the Banknote Printing Office in 1924, and retired in 1954. During this period she made not only stamps, but designed bonds, banknotes and seals as well as watermarks. As a free-lance artist, she made caricatures, book jackets and cards for charitable institutions.

"Good stamps explain their message at first glance in concentrated and concrete form. The designs should not require a great deal of explanation. They must be printed on good paper using the most effective printing processes available.

"The intaglio method (whether printed in one or more colors) is justified because of its artistic superiority. If more than one color is to be used, then they ought to be harmonious and moderate, not simply used for gaudiness.

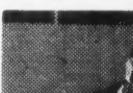
"One must remember that a stamp is a miniature security, therefore, all phases of work on it — from first sketch to final quality control — should be meticulously performed. In the chain of all steps there can not be a single weak link which might spoil the whole work. Every step must be exemplarily perfect. If the artist, for example, designs a sports picture, every detail of the design must be technically correct as well as artistic, lest when it appears, both artist and nation be criticized for carelessness by followers of the sport.

"In designing a portrait, the picture should not only superficially 'resemble' the personality, it must capture the very character of the model with his most personal features. For an artist to do less means either that he does not have the skill and talent expected of him, or that he is a careless craftsman."

At about the same time Aarne Karjalainen (born 1898) joined our list of stamp designers. As an entrant in the 1929 contest, he scored with the 5 and 10 Mark stamps issued in 1930. He studied at the Art school in Viipuri and at that of the Athenaeum in Helsinki. He also is a qualified lithographer, having studied this art in Paris.

Mr. Karjalainen obtained his technical experience at the Viipuri Book-and-Lithographic Printery; as designer at the architectural office of U. Ullberg; at Tilgmann, Ltd., and as chief of the illustrating section of the Advertising Department of Uusi Suomi. He joined the Bank of Finland in 1934.

The actual work of Mr. Karjalainen is the design of securities. The 5000MK. banknote, designed by him in 1939, was considered by contemporaries as the finest example of graphic arts considering artistic and technical perfection. Mr. Karjalai-



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## Finland's Great Men Are Seen On Her Stamps

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Finnish postage stamps, which had their centennial in March 1956 (and in honor of which the large international exhibition, FINLANDIA-56 was staged) follow the tendencies and general pattern of other countries' issues. Within the limits of policies and statutes, Finnish stamps comprise a pictorial gallery which reflects the historical attainments of the nation. They recall Russian rule; they proclaim Finland's autonomy on December 6, 1917; they depict the construction of a new republic and the growth of economic and industrial life. They tell about the great men and women, Finland's institutions and organizations, and mirror the struggle of preserving independence in the face of great national peril.

The provisions in force in Finland, in regard to the issuing of postage stamps, generally follow lines adopted in the United States. But in some details these regulations differ considerably. This is especially obvious with regard to the use of portraits. In the United States no living person may be portrayed; this limitation is not enforced in Finland, and for that reason Finnish stamps have reproduced the effigies of its notables during their lifetimes.



Elias Lonnrot

The first portrait appears on a commemorative issued by Finland on January 1, 1931 to mark the centenary of the Finnish Literary Society. This 1Mk. value portrays Elias Lonnrot (1802-1844), a man whose life was devoted to the collection of epic poems and their assembly as the *Kalevala*. This is the Finnish National Epic and spiritual monument to the Finnish people's antecedents over a period of 1000 years. I might mention that *Kalevala* has been translated into more than twenty languages and that the Finnish edition has run to about 500,000 copies.

In December of the same year another portrait stamp was issued in honor of the then-president Pehr-Evind Svinhufvud's 70th birthday. Svinhufvud, who, during the oppression years of the Russian occupation, attained the dignity of the leader of the opposition, acted as chairman of the so-called Independence Senate, in 1917. He had been exiled to Siberia for three years before. He was Finland's first regent, in 1918, its Prime Minister in 1930-31, and president of the republic from 1931 to 1937. His effigy appears for a second time on a stamp of 1944, issued to mark his death.

To date, six of Finland's presidents have been honored by postage stamps. The first president of the republic and creator of Finnish Legislation, Kaarlo Juhu Stahlberg was portrayed on a stamp that commemorates his 80th birthday, in 1945.



President Risto Ryti

The commemorative in honor of Kyosti Kallio, issued in 1941, sets forth the dramatic situation when this popular head of state — gravely strained by the Winter War and its consequences — entered the train to leave for his native village for a well-deserved rest. The president, accompanied by Field Marshal Mannerheim and Prime Minister Ryti, was inspecting an honorary company

to the strains of the Army's March of Honor when he collapsed in the arms of his associates and expired, on December 19, 1940.

Risto Ryti, who succeeded Kallio, was honored in 1941, with a set of six bearing his portrait.



Field Marshal Mannerheim

At the same time another six-value set was issued to honor Carl Gustav Mannerheim, Marshal of Finland, who later became the country's president. Four years previously, another stamp had been released to mark this patriot's 70th birthday. It represented him as Commander-in-Chief during the War of Independence, and the World War II. His portrait appeared for the last time in 1952 — a year after his death — on three Red Cross semipostals.



President J. K. Paasikivi

President Juhu Kusti Paasikivi was portrayed on two stamps, one in 1947, to pay tribute to his eminence as a statesman and citizen; the other, 1950, to mark his 80th birthday.

The semipostals issued for the benefit of the Red Cross have been designed to honor many great Finns. The 1933 set portrays three bishops, and in the succeeding years, a trio of military commanders, scientists, statesmen and chairmen of the Diet, and other prominent figures.

Until the beginning of 1958 Finland issued 61 different stamps, each of which portrays and honors some distinguished, well-known personality. Twenty-nine of them have represented statesmen or military commanders; the remainder are divided between representatives of science and art, sports, the Church and other cultural fields of attainment.



Minna Canth

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There is something about Finland and Finns that is seldom encountered in other nations of the world—a certain something that sets the country and its citizen apart; something that simply compels one to have an unrestrained respect for them. Jean Sibelius captured and conveyed it through his music; Finnish craftsmen have expressed it through furniture and ceramics; the General Direction of Posts has let it come through postage stamps.

As one beholds the designs one can almost read the very character of Finland—they are strikingly plain; there are no unnecessary ginger-bread details; they are magnificently designed and engraved and meticulously printed. They might easily have been satisfied with a "they're good enough attitude". But that isn't Finland. If stamps are worth making, they must meet the exacting standards that every Finn sets for himself, his personal life and his work.

There is an honesty about Finnish stamps, just as there is a full measure of honesty and integrity in the make-up of its citizens and government.

We shall not dwell upon postage stamps, for the authors of the articles contained in this special issue of LINN'S have admirably discussed this field. When it first was suggested, Director General S. J. Ahola and his energetic deputy, Urho Talvitie promised fullest cooperation. An outline of desired text was submitted, and immediately these gentlemen enlisted Finland's top authorities on various subjects to prepare the assigned manuscripts.

While this edition will stand as a permanent source of information for the philatelist, it is hoped that it also will serve to introduce new collectors to the possibilities of Finnish stamps, and to act as a window to Finland itself.

The 135,000 square miles of Northern Europe over which the blue-and-white flag of Finland flies is a rugged quilt of forest and lakes, punctuated here and there with cities from whose factories and workshops come commodities sent to the farthest corners of the earth. The metropolis of Helsinki is as modern as tomorrow, with buildings that include the classic and advanced architectural design—the Cathedral with its cupolas overlooking glass-walled hospitals and residential apartments. It shops are as attractive as any along the Champs Elysee or Madison Ave.; its restaurants are epicurean institutions, whether you take a meal in a basement bistro or on the roof of Helsinki's highest building.

Most conspicuous are the people who stride through immaculate tree-lined streets, or along a pastoral lane. First you are captivated by the radiance of their health and beauty; then you're struck with their friendliness, for nowhere will you find so many people who greet you as they pass. Ostentation is something entirely unknown in Finland, whether you meet patrician or patriot. Theirs is a forthright simplicity and dignity that becomes contagious.

Hospitality is Finland's middle name, whether you remain in a city or travel far north to the land of the midnight sun above the Arctic Circle.

Finland has no spectacular topographical wonders. It is a plain land whose vast acreage stretches in almost uninterrupted flatness from horizon to horizon. (Its highest point is a mere 500 feet above sea level!). And yet there is a serene tranquility about it all. Though you travel for hours in comfortable train or sleek launch you never are subjected to monotony—the pines, the lakes, the rivers, the farmlands have an individuality you'll never forget.

And if you board one of Finnair's planes and fly above the terrain the vista is even more ruggedly impressive. In Lapland your friendly pilot will circle low that you may get a better glimpse of a reindeer herd. (Flying in Finland, incidentally, is less costly than anywhere else in the world. Plane fares run to less than bus transportation!).

In presenting this Finnish edition to LINN'S readership it is hoped that it will serve as yet another instrument to enable Americans to better understand this stalwart nation whose traditional friendship has remained unaltered throughout the years.

It is especially significant that this issue should be presented on the forty-first anniversary of Finland's independence. It is offered to stamp collectors and to our Finnish friends as an anniversary tribute.

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available at the time could handle only stamps of those dimensions. They had been in use for about twenty years. Then it was decided to introduce entirely new designs, and to procure simultaneously, new perforating machinery. The new stamps were issued in 1930, and now reverted to the same size as those issued prior to 1901.

Finland joined the Universal Postal Union in 1875. Since 1885, when the U.P.U. recommended distinctive colors for certain denominations, Finland followed this plan: green for those that would prepay postage on the first weight unit of printed matter; red on a foreign postal card; and blue for prepaying the first weight unit of a foreign letter.

From 1885 to 1917 the colors were used on the 5, 10 and 25-penni values, respectively. But after 1917, due to the economic distress in Finland (as in other countries) when the value of currencies depreciates, the colors had to be used for much higher face values. If one were to set up a collection of Finnish stamps according to these three basic colors, one can readily trace the foreign exchange rate of Finnish currency.

The critical lack of most necessities caused by World War II also is evident in Finnish stamps. The paper used became worse; colors varied and many kinds of substitutes had to be employed in the sizing of paper. Because of the constant threat of bombing, stamp production was transferred from Helsinki to Vaasa, and the stamps made there reveal defects in perforations since the machine was damaged during its shipment there.

As we get to know the historic background and the economic circumstances which have caused the change of issues over the years, we become more familiar with the stamps themselves and get to understand the reasons for their existence. They become more than bits of inanimate paper. They become friends which help us to better appreciate Finland.

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A. Salmenkyla

The present report is not in any way a completed philatelic study. It is rather a story about an "experiment", to obtain further philatelic information. It began, quite by chance, when I acquired three tete-beche pairs of the 20 penni blue as "decoration material" for my regular collection. I wanted to place them in my album in the same position they occupied on the original sheet as used. However, to have that detail accurate and clear, I had to undertake a bit of research, which, due to the lack of necessary time, still remains unfinished. Nevertheless, it enables me to offer the following observations.

First, some general information about the 20 penni stamp of the 1875 design. These, today, are divided into two main printing groups — the Senate Bureau of Printing (1875-81); the Stamped Paper Office (1882-84). Real tete-beches (those produced when a single cliche was placed in the printing form upside down in relation to the adjacent cliches) are encountered only in stocks printed at the latter plant. Therefore, I shall not concern myself with the stamps produced by the Senate Bureau of Printing.

The Stamped Paper Office's printings formerly were divided into three groups:

1. Backhoff (1882)
2. Brandstake I (1883)
3. Brandstake II (1884)

These are to be distinguished one from the others by their typographic makeup. The groups derive their name from the persons who were principals of the Stamped Paper Office's print shop. In the most recent Finnish catalogue manual (S.P. 1957) the last unit is further subdivided into two sub-groups.

The last issue(s) differ from the ones printed earlier in 1884 and have been separated to form the additional section now called "Brandstake III". That issue, which comprised 225,000 stamps, or about 3% of the Stamped Paper Office's entire output, was sent to the Post Office towards the end of October 1884. These are found with cancellations of November-December 1884, and to an exceptional extent, as late as January 1885.

Philatelic literature states that tete-beches, their position and numbers vary in the different printings, but that they exist in all of the printings made at the Stamped Paper Office. In some imperforate sheets it has been observed that in the Backhoff printing there are two tete-beches, in positions 53 and 93 in the sheet. Among others, the 1924 catalogue of the Swedish Postal Museum describing the donations of Col. Hans Lagerloef, states that the museum owns a part sheet proving the positions of the tete-beches. (This catalogue states that the mentioned sheet is of the 1875 issue, i.e., that of the Senate Bureau of Printing, but the accompanying photograph proves that it is not. It clearly shows that it is of the Backhoff printing of 1882).

I had already noticed that the full sheets I had examined did not belong to the Brandstake II printing, but to that of Brandstake III, because in them there were two accidental plate flaws, in stamps Nos. 11 and 30, which I have found only in the Brandstake III printings and in that of the first yellow 20 penni.

These and some later comparisons offer evidence that the Brandstake II tete-beches were printed from other cliches and that at least one of the Brandstake II tete-beches had its place in the center of the sheet. Consequently, somewhere else than in positions 11 and 30. Since all the full sheets (three) which I have seen until now have been Brandstake III printings, it may be that even earlier investigators saw only sheets of this printing and assumed that all tete-beches of the 1884 issue came from positions 11 and 30 without studying the cliches from which the tete-beches were printed.

To date I have not seen any cancelled tete-beche pairs of the Brandstake III printing, even though I have found single used copies of stamps printed from the inverted cliche.

According to experts, the Backhoff printing was executed by means of the same cliches as those used for the Senate's last ones. On the other hand, opinions about the Brandstake cliches differ. From researches carried out on the plates, I have come to the conclusion that new cliches must have been used for these printings, with which at least the first 20 penni yellow stamps of the 1885 issue were produced. However, I no longer shall deal with this controversy. As far as I know, no full sheet of Brandstake I has been found, and so, the position and number of tete-beches of that printing are unknown.

One of my tete-beches pairs was from this Brandstake I printing, and the characteristics of the cliche correspond with the descriptive given by Col. Arvid Ohman in his work, "Klischeeverschiedenheiten bei den Finnischen Briefmarken", published in 1933 (his illustration #167). All the tete-beches of that printing which I have seen to date, have been printed from the very same cliche, differing clearly from the Backhoff tete-beche cliches. Since the tete-beche has appeared in a horizontal pair both at left and

right, we can say—for the time being—that its position under no circumstances can be on either of the outside vertical rows of the sheet.

In the Brandstake Printings II and III of 1884, the tete-beches are found to be in positions 11 and 30, where they appear on full, preserved sheets. Such a full sheet is to be found, for example, in the Finnish Postal Museum at Helsinki. Since my third tete-beche pair was from the Brandstake II printing, and a so-called right-hand one, it must be position #30.

(If a pair is taken from a sheet where the tete-beche forms part of the right hand part, the right hand stamp always is in the inverted position, even though the pair is turned upside down. Its position in the sheet, therefore, must have been #30).

But this is not the case. The cliches were not the same. Before that I had compared my tete-beche with another sheet and the result was the same. A comparison with a horizontal Brandstake II strip of three, owned by an acquaintance, in which the tete-beche was at the right end, gave the same negative result. I was perplexed, for in my own tete-beche there were marks which are distinctive from the Brandstake II printing. This proved the tete-beche should have been from the right hand side of the sheet.

The matter became clear after I examined another horizontal Brandstake II strip of three belonging to my friend. In this item, the tete-beche was in the center and printed from the same cliche as the tete-beche of the previously mentioned strip of three.

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The reader may ask, "in what positions do the Brandstake II tete-beches exist?" Since I have never seen any full sheets of this printing (I wonder whether any exist!), I can not give you any firm answer. The approximately fifteen I have studied have been printed from two different cliches. I have found one from a Brandstake III sheet in position #23. My study with the aid of blocks of four and strips in placing the Brandstake II sheet, show that this sheet's tete-beche is in the same position.

The other inverted cliche evidently is to be found in the same position at the right side of the sheet, because I have not found it on the left. But if it is in position #30, or lower down, this is not yet clear. (I have seen a strip vertical in which the tete-beche was undermost).

Up to this time I am able to state that in the Brandstake II and III printings, the cliche seems to come in the same position of the sheet, even if some divergencies appear.

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To judge from some other pairs, the arrangement of cliches in the Brandstake II sheet was different (in at least two cases) in the beginning and end of the year. It is possible that the arrangement changes were made when the tete-beches were discovered.

So my story ends. Perhaps the reader will be interested to know that when I began my studies, two of the tete-beche pairs in my collection were inverted. On the basis of the studies they now are mounted in the correct position.

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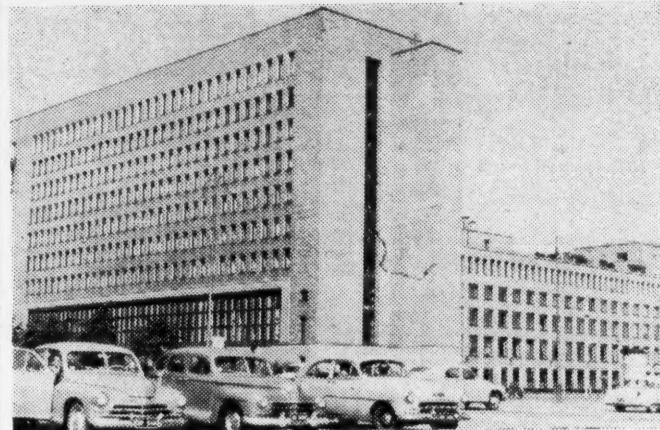
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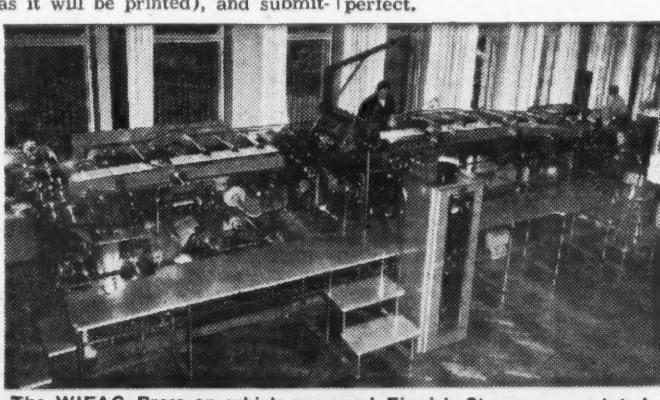
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(Though Finland's crime rate is one of the lowest in the world, and burglaries are virtually unknown, the security measures maintained at this Printing Office are extraordinary. They have devised a burglar alarm system that is so delicate that once, during an especially severe storm, vibration alone set it off, alerting guards inside and the police outside. Ed.)

The boxes of stamps then are stored in the Pay Office of the General Direction of Posts and Telegraphs, and distributed to post offices all over the nation on the basis of local needs. Then entire issue of commemoratives and semipostals normally is distributed at one and the same time; the definitives are distributed each time a post office requisitions new stocks.

When producing stamps the General Direction collaborates with the Finnish Federation of Stamp Societies. The Federation is given an opportunity of expressing its opinion on the designs, colors and other details. This has been particularly fruitful, considering the great interest philatelists take in postage stamps. It has enabled the General Direction to avoid difficulties which might otherwise have arisen in the process of authorizing special semipostal issues.

(At the time of FINLANDIA 56, special commemorative stamps were approved in a manner which brought immediate editorial condemnation from English philatelic circles. Only with the help of Finnish philatelists, was Finland able to modify its policies to the satisfaction of all concerned. Ed.)

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## Finnish Postage Stamps For The Topical Collector

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The world's stamp production has reached such overwhelming proportions that collectors, if they would build a collection qualified for exhibition, have had to limit their interests to certain countries, to particular eras, or to some other specialty field.

In recent years philatelists have noted the fantastic increase in topical collecting's popularity. There seems to be no limit to the motive selected, for stamp subjects illustrate virtually every human and inanimate activity.

All the collector need do is to select a theme that most pleases him or which provides an allied interest in life. Then his only problem consists of making a list of the world's stamps which will be eligible for inclusion in the collection of his choice.



If his topic is an especially popular one — sports, for example — then practically the entire world is available to him. There is hardly a land which did not, at one time or another, depict on at least one of its stamps a form of local or international sport.

Among the most popular topics are those which deal with national arms or the heads of state. The first Finnish stamp of 1856 featured the arms of Finland and retained this subject until 1891, when the Russian double-eagle made its appearance. Our stamps continued to use the Russian arms until 1917, when the nation declared its independence, and again adopted our own arms.

The first truly "topical" stamps of Finland, other than the arms, are the commemoratives of 1929, to mark the 700th anniversary of Turku. These represent navigation, church and castle. Stamps of this kind have been issued since, too. There are the sets of 1931, when the subjects of the Red Cross issue included the old church of Hattula and the castles of Hameenlinna and Viipuri. That same year saw the introduction of a new theme, that of famous Finns, with the portrait of Elias Lonnrot, on the centennial of the Finnish Literary Society.



These may be considered as part of a collection devoted to history and literature stamps. Toward the end of the same year, we issued a stamp to mark the 70th birthday of our contemporary president, P. E. Svinhufvud, the first stamp to honor a head of our state. Another tribute to another head of state was issued in 1945, when we marked the 80th birthday of President K. J. Stahlberg.

Nor has the political life of Finland been neglected. The Red Cross issue of 1938 presents the chairman of the Diet in 1863. In 1957, we commemorated the 40th anniversary of Finland's independence.

The industrial and the commercial, as well as the economic and cultural life of our nation are generally represented on Finnish stamp issues. The first of these is the Delaware showing Finnish colonists landing in America.



A new topical theme — the Labor Movement — is introduced by the Workers' Federation stamp issued in 1946, to commemorate the federal jubilee. The stamp shows a male and female gymnast jointly holding aloft a laurel wreath. The Labor Movement was again commemorated in 1949. At that time, a stamp was

issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its founding.

The "war" motif appears in the designs of the 1934 Red Cross semi-postals, at which time we have honored several of our national heroes — patriots who defended their nation against invasion and aggression. The East-Karelia stamps bearing the effigies of Field Marshal C. G. Mannerheim and President Rytty, may be included in this thematic classification.

The celebration of the centenary of the Finnish national epic, Kalevala, introduces to our stamps an art style characteristic of Professor Akseli Gallen-Kallela. The Kalevala's 2½ Mk. picture is a reproduction of his painting, "Kullervo's Departure for War".

Another which belongs to the "art" category is the centennial commemorative of Albert Edelfelt's birth. The vignette of this one reproduces "The Outer Archipelago", and has been widely praised as one of Finland's most beautiful stamps.

(It was Edelfelt who painted in 1885, the most familiar picture of Louis Pasteur in his laboratory. This painting now hangs in one of the main galleries at the Athenaeum in Helsinki. Ed.)



Public Health is another subject which Finnish stamps have recognized. Those issued in 1947, for the benefit of the Association to Combat Tuberculosis in Finland depict steps in the care of children's health. One might also include in this group the "sauna" stamp of 1949, for these uniquely Finnish baths: are responsible for the general excellent health of our people.

The Red Cross and Anti-Tuberculosis stamps, issued annually, form their own group as thematic designs. And then, too, we might suggest that those issued for the four major philatelic exhibitions in Finland are worthy of inclusion in a topical collection devoted to such issues. We refer to the sets of 1928, 1948, 1955 and 1956. Nor have we overlooked "sports". This field may include the stamps of 1946, 1947, 1952, 1956, plus the semipostals of 1938, 1944, and of course the Olympics of 1952.



The reader will appreciate that this has been but a general coverage. Almost every Finnish stamp falls into at least one topical category. There are those which unquestionably are flora and fauna; aviation and many others. The topicalist who is keen will find that our nation will add to his collection not only many stamps which which to fill his albums, but also specimens he will enjoy for their beauty of subject and design.

### Germantown Club Party And Sale December 17

The recently organized and fast growing Germantown Stamp Club of Philadelphia, Pa. has announced a Christmas party and varied program for its December 17 meeting at the Water Tower Recreation Center, Germantown.

Activities will include the usual trading session, a short auction, exchanging gifts, and music and refreshments. Further details are obtainable from H. Welton, 8724 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia 18, Pa.

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A set of seven charity stamps with surtax for the benefit of national anti-tuberculosis work and other similar organizations will be released by Belgium December 8. The entire set is based on a series of two-tone watercolor paintings by the American artist Jean Van Noten of Winter Park, Fla., and Brussels, Belgium.



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**Kamm New President Of Lancaster, Pa. Group**

One feature of the recent banquet held by the Lancaster, Pa. Stamp Club to mark its 35th anniversary was the introduction of the group's new officers for 1958. They are George J. Kamm, Jr., president; Ralph Bruce, vice president; Jack Chaudler, treasurer; Chester Paes, secretary; and L. T. Hendry, asistant secretary.

The veteran club now boasts 75 members. Meetings are held on first Wednesdays at 262 Conestoga St., Lancaster. Details of the group's activities are offered by Mr. Paes at 214 Reservoir St., Lancaster, Pa.

### Hawthorne Stamp Club Announces New Officers

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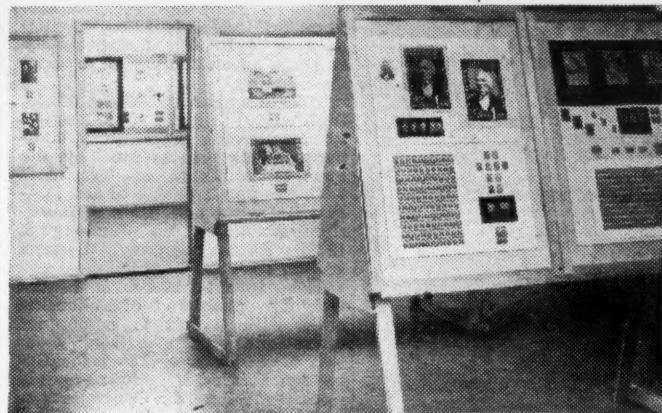
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## Airlines And Philately; The Lufthansa Story

Julius Weiss

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German aviation history is indeed filled with historical events. Many philatelists possess covers and cards which reflect some of the history which took place early in the twentieth century airways of Germany. Early balloons and dirigibles were followed by planes which took to the skies from 1908 to the start of World War I.

We can not tell the Lufthansa story without going back to mention the "Old Lufthansa". To start the history of this line we must go back to 1919 when the "International Air Traffic Association (IATA) was formed at the suggestion of Great Britain.

Germany, Holland and Norway became founder members along with Britain. The primary condition of membership was the operation of an international air service based on a regular timetable.

Soon after the IATA, Aero-Lloyd and Junkers Luftverkehr (Junkers Air Transportation) merged to form Lufthansa German Airlines. The new firm took to the skies soon after its date of formation January 6, 1926. On May 1, 1926 the first passenger night flights took place on the Berlin-Koenigsberg route.

Early in 1927 Lufthansa began touching such cities as Dresden, Prague, Stettin, Copenhagen, Gotenburg, and Oslo. Philatelists in all parts of the globe own some of the special cards which were issued on many of these flights at the German point of dispatch.

We can not speak about the early "Old Lufthansa" flights without mentioning that on July 23, 1926 two Junkers G 24 planes flew from Tempelhof Airport, Berlin via Russia and Siberia to China in order to survey some far eastern routes. It is not known whether any mail was carried on this flight; however, the feat was an outstanding bit of aviation history.

Lufthansa was instrumental in bringing about important seaplane flights as well as ship-to-shore mail via catapult service in 1929. Many collectors own copies of the "SS BREMEN" catapult mail. In fact, this material could well fit into any German collection for German aviation history in many cases ties in with its adhesive postage stamps.

This body set out to determine conditions under which an airline suitable for German require-

ments could be brought into use. The findings of this group brought out both the necessity and the practicability of a German airline.

With the approval of the Allies, the Federal Cabinet agreed to the formation of a preparatory company. This was created by the Federal Ministry of Transport with the participation of the Federal Railways and State of Nordrhein-Westfalen on January 6, 1953. This company became known as "LUFTAG".

The infant line had the weighty problem of choosing craft with which to commence operations. The "proven" Convair CV340 was selected for European service. The four-engined Lockheed Super-Constellations were added for the intercontinental routes. Later a few Douglas DC-3's entered the scene to be used as auxiliary craft.

The major factor in the choice of these various craft was that all of them had recorded many passenger miles and flying hours of safe operation—and safety was the factor which LUFTAG was looking for.

A base and technical center became the next major problem. The choice fell on Hamburg since it was contemplated that most Lufthansa flights were to be radiated from this point. This would make it possible to service craft during the nonoperating time allowed by the timetable for servicing, checking and overhaul. Therefore, Fuhlsbuttel Airport became the contemplated base for the new line.

An operations staff, pilots and mechanics were needed to fly and maintain the craft. The initial pilots were drawn from captains who had had experience with the "Old Lufthansa" line. Some were former German Air Force men who had suitable flying experience in large craft.

A school was started in September 1953 which utilized lecturers from other airlines who imparted their knowledge in navigation, meteorology, radio, and various other technical phases of operation. The ground crews were given intensive training courses lasting some six months in various phases of aircraft maintenance.

On August 6, 1954 the name was changed to "DEUTSCHE LUFTHANSA AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT"—LUFTHANSA.

Spring of 1955 brought permission from Allied Authorities and from the Federal Minister of Transport to start proving flights within Federal territory as of March 1, 1955 before inaugurating a commercial service between German airports from April 1, 1955.

In May 1955 came the return of air sovereignty to the Federal Republic and the last restrictions on German air transport were a thing of the past. Services to the European countries commenced May 15, 1955.

Many collectors are familiar with Lufthansa first flight covers. Linn's has shown many examples of the early 1955 European first flights. Points hit included Hamburg-Dusseldorf to London; another route was Hamburg-Frankfurt to Paris. City after city was added to the Lufthansa coverage.

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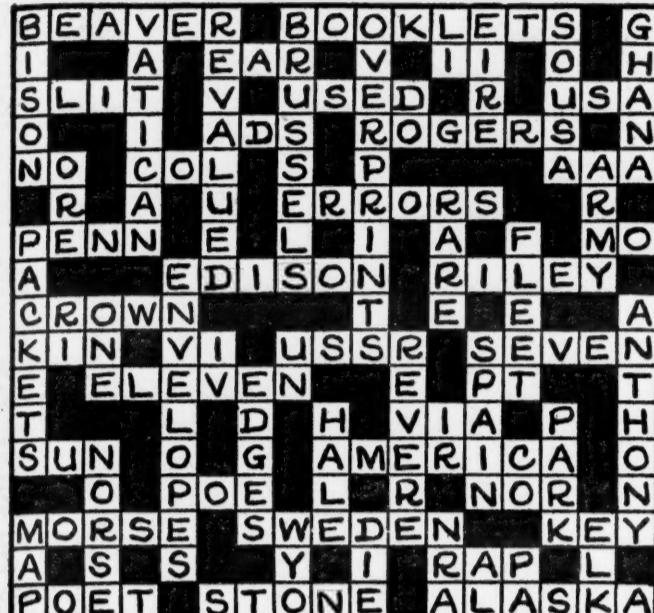
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## Mysterious Due, "Bounty Fee" Marks On Hejaz-Suez-India 1885 Item Still Foil Experts

Bruce Conde

Has any Linn's reader a cover mailed from Jeddah—the pilgrims' port of Mecca, on the Red Sea—to India, via Aden, in the mid-1880's, with a "Postage Due" handstamp with the words "Bounty Fee, 1 anna" inserted in manuscript in an appropriate box, at the bottom?

Covers from Jeddah to India during this period are not scarce, but only one has ever shown up with the above marking, which has stumped all the experts on two continents. To make matters worse, there is an additional handstamp reading: "Overland Postage Due, A/7", and the usual international "T" in a circle marking.

The rest of this cover is normal for the period: Jeddah cancel, Suez (S.P.O.) and Aden transit markings and Bombay arrival, c.d.s., and the normal amount of Turkish postage is prepaid by adhesive stamps.



Sketches of mysterious markings on a Middle East cover March 22, 1885.

Saudi Arabia (including Hijaz-Nejd and Turkish forerunners) and Aden specialist H. Hibbert, of 57, Warwick Road, St. Annes on Sea, Lancashire, England, has such a cover. Years of correspondence with the experts, specialist study clubs, and general philatelic public has not yielded a single clue as to the identity, meaning, origin, or period of use of the "Bounty Fee" and "Overland Postage Due" markings of this cover of March 22, 1885.

There are five additional covers in the same correspondence, between 1884 and 1888, all from the same source in Jeddah to the same addressee in Bombay, but nary a trace of either "Bounty" or "Overland" markings on any of the others, which carried the same amount of Turkish postage as the 1885 one!

Mr. Hibbert, first became interested in Middle East stamps in 1915-19 while on military service here (including a stint with the guerrilla forces of the famous T. E. Lawrence "of Arabia" against the Hijaz Railway). His search finally reached the top level of experts on covers and postal markings of the period when he consulted Robson Lowe of Britain and Jal Cooper of India. Mr. Cooper thought that the "Bounty Fee" might relate to a plan to provide financial aid for pilgrims to Mecca, but admitted that this was only an educated guess. He had never seen such markings before and had no idea why they should only appear on an 1885 cover.

Mr. Hibbert, who is a keen student of postal history, wants to know, from anyone in possession of additional markings of this nature, the answers to the following five questions:

1. What is the reason for the "Bounty Fee" MS marking in the Postage Due box, as illustrated?
2. At what place would this boxed "Postage Due" marking be placed on the cover?
3. What is the reason for the circular "Overland Postage Due, A/7", also illustrated?
4. Since the normal amount of Turkish postage is prepaid by adhesive, why should the international "T" marking be applied?
5. Where could this have been placed on the cover?

The writer, who has some experience with Turkish-Aden-India postal markings and usage during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, has never before come across any of the "mystery markings" found on this 1885 cover. So, like Jal Cooper, from the India end of the line, can only hazard educated guesses as to any possible reason for the markings at this, the Arabian end of the circuit.

In the first place, G. Wyman Bury, in his book "Arabia Infelix, or The Turks in Yamen" (sic), says, on page 166 (1914 data), that mail service to Aden by Red Sea steamers via Hodeida was unpunctual, because the Ottoman government would not pay a mail subsidy. This suggests the possibility that in 1885, at least, Aden (which was then using Indian money), paid a bounty fee to a shipping line during a period when the Sublime Porte (as in Mr. Bury's time) was not subsidizing mail shipments down the Red Sea. It would follow that the Aden postal authorities collected this fee by arrangement with the Indian Post Office in Bombay by a 1 anna postage due charge. It may be that the Turks then made suitable arrangements and that this was a short-lived expedient.

As for the "Overland Postage

arrangements for mail carriage down the Red Sea.

Linn's readers having any personal knowledge of this situation are invited to contact either Mr. Hibbert, direct, or, if the data seems of enough general interest to Middle East collectors, to write to Bruce Conde, Taiz, Yemen, for publication in a future issue of this paper.

Due to recent focus of world attention on the Middle East, there seems to be a general increase in interest in the stamps and postal history of this part of the world, and the writer should be happy to pass on any such information of general interest by and for Linn's readers.

**LUFTHANSA**  
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sent by the Federal Republic of Germany for the occasion. A special FF envelope was used on the service. In 1956 a first was made from Chicago to Hamburg with stops at Montreal, Shannon, Manchester, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, and Hamburg.

June 8 of this year marked the third year of Lufthansa. The craft now employed are Super G Constellations, Convair "Metropolitans" and Douglas DC3's. Soon the concern expects delivery of Vickers Viscounts and later in 1959 some Boeing 707's are to be added to the line's growing list of flying equipment.

Lufthansa's mail revenue shows an increase of 208% from 1955 to 1957. The concern's non-duplicate air route miles had grown to approximately 64,000 by June 1958.

We can report that this line is one with which most of the philatelic world is acquainted. We have seen Lufthansa covers at almost every stamp show we have attended. Further, if there is no official Post Office cachet or cancel the firm will apply its special emblem on most covers.

On some occasions the firm even prints special envelopes, and best of all a Lufthansa first flight is given philatelic treatment on all legs of the flight in most instances. This is an important factor for many collectors are unaware that a flight from one city to another may have pick-up points on several legs of the flight.

Readers who desire the address of LUFTHANSA for further data pertaining to the line may send stamped addressed envelopes (within 10 days of this issue of Linn's) and the details will be sent.

Next we shall go to Italy and investigate the philatelic story of the familiar crossbow emblem of ALITALIA.

## HELP WANTED!

Pictured here is a Plate Number Block of stamps of Finland. I collect them.



The black line points to the Plate Number. This, and the other figures in the selvedge, plus the attached block of six stamps, make up a Finnish Plate Block.

I need various plate number blocks as listed below. Will you please look through your philatelic material then tell me **WHAT YOU HAVE** and **HOW MUCH YOU WANT FOR IT?**

Many numbers are quite common—Others have better value. In any event material should be nicely centered, with perfs intact and not split or bent, not dirty, and in blocks of six only as pictured.

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Tell me what you have, and the price you want for it. Thanks.

**CARL P. RUETH**

Sidney, Ohio

617 Fair Ave.

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